## **Governor Brad Little**





April 14, 2022

Congressman Mike Simpson U.S. House of Representatives 2084 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Simpson,

Please accept this letter of support for the Treasure Valley Family YMCA to receive funds from the U.S. House Committee on Appropriations Community Project Funding for Fiscal Year 2023.

The Treasure Valley Family YMCA has been the heart of the downtown Boise community since 1891. Located on the seam of the large residential north end of Boise, the downtown core, adjacent to Boise High School, and near the Idaho State Capitol, the YMCA serves one of the most diverse communities in the state. Due to ongoing population growth, the YMCA has outgrown its existing 54-year-old downtown facility and lacks the capacity to meet important community needs.

The YMCA's vision for redeveloping 2.5 city blocks located between State Street/Jefferson Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Street/12<sup>th</sup> Street consists of a new 100,000-square-foot, barrier-free/access-for-all facility. Services including high-quality childcare, out-of-school learning, workforce development, services to those with diverse abilities, multigenerational services, support to low-income families, and those facing housing insecurity will be available as part of the greater development. By colocating and leveraging service opportunities among these critical needs, the YMCA and development partners' visionary master plan will revitalize the core of downtown Boise and complete a once-in-a-lifetime legacy project.

I am committed to making Idaho strong today and prepared for tomorrow. As our state grows, we need to ensure Idaho is the place where we all can have the best possible opportunity to thrive and where our children and grandchildren choose to stay. This YMCA redevelopment will strengthen the foundation of the Treasure Valley community for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Brad Little Governor of Idaho



April 7, 2022

Congressman Mike Simpson Second District, Idaho 2084 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Simpson,

It is with full support, I believe the Treasure Valley Family YMCA should receive funds from the U.S. House Committee on Appropriations Community Project Funding for Fiscal Year 2023.

The Treasure Valley Family YMCA is building a new 100,000 square-foot barrier-free/access for all facility in downtown Boise to meet the needs of our growing community. The Y has partnered with a development team and was awarded the Capital City Development Corporation's Request for Proposal to develop 2.5 city blocks bringing economic stimulus, vibrancy, and community gathering to the area.

As you know, the Treasure Valley Family YMCA does amazing, cause-driven work for our community. In addition to the services the Y currently provides, the new Downtown Boise YMCA and greater development project benefits will include:

- St. Luke's health partner space
- education partner opportunities
- affordable, workforce and market rate housing
- indoor and outdoor social spaces
- shared parking structure

This project will be a catalyst connecting community members to social and educational services, local businesses, hospitals, and government resulting in a prospering economy, and the opportunity for youth, adults, and families to learn, grow and thrive.

Thank you for sincere consideration of the YMCA's request of \$10MM in funding for this crucial community project in downtown Boise.

Very sincerely,

Lauren McLean, Mayor

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April 12, 2022

Congressman Mike Simpson Second District, Idaho 2084 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Simpson,

We are writing in support of the Treasure Valley Family YMCA's application for funds from the House Committee on Appropriations Community Project Funding for Fiscal Year 2023.

St. Luke's Health System is proud to have been selected as the healthcare partner for the Downtown Boise YMCA catalytic redevelopment project. St. Luke's mission, to improve the health of the people in the communities we serve, is closely aligned to the Y's mission to make our community a better place to learn, grow and thrive. Our partnership will transform and improve the lives of people in our community for generations to come.

The YMCA's vision of a new 100,000 square foot, barrier-free/access-for-all facility, in which St. Luke's will have dedicated and collaborative space, will bring crucial services and programming to our community. Through our partnership, we will empower all members of our community to achieve their full potential and their best heath.

Sincerely,

Chris Roth

President and Chief Executive Officer

St. Luke's Health System